

AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the specification, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, to read as follows:

Page 2, lines 18 to 29, please rewrite the paragraph thereat to read as follows:

Naked DNA is understood to mean, as in nowadays commonly accepted, a DNA transcription unit in the form of a polynucleotide sequence comprising at least one nucleotide sequence encoding an antigenic polypeptide or an antigen of one valency and the elements necessary for its expression in vivo. These elements can include a promoter, origin of replication, and transcription termination sequence. The circular plasmid form, supercoiled or otherwise, is preferred. Valency in the present invention is understood to mean at least one antigen providing protection against a pathogen, it being possible for the valency to contain, as subvalency, one or more natural or modified genes, or one or more strains of the pathogen considered.